

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 4.80 ha. of forest land in Compt.No.457 of Basavapalli R.F., Chittoor (East) Division in Chittoor District, for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites & Exports, Kadapa - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2.

Dated:18-01-2012.

Read the following:-

- 1.From PCCF, A.P, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.43417/2003/F2, Dt.11.05.2007 & 30.7.2007.
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No.3771/For.I (1)/2007, Dated:30.08.2007.
- 3.From GOI, Mo.EF, Bang, Lr.No.4-APB405/2007-BAN/2282,Dt:17.04.2008.
- 4.State Govt. Lr.No.3771/For.I (1)/2007, Dated:16.9.2011.
- 5.From GOI, Mo.EF, Bang, Lr.No.4-APB405/2007-BAN/20, Dt:01.11.2011.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, had submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.80 ha. of forest land in Compt.No.457 of Basavapalli R.F., Chittoor (East) Division in Chittoor District, for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites & Exports, Kadapa and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests in their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in principal (Stage.I) for the proposal, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.80 ha. of forest land in Compt.No.457 of Basavapalli R.F., Chittoor (East) Division in Chittoor District, for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites & Exports, Kadapa, for a period of 10 years, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein. .

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for diversion of 4.80 ha. of forest land in Compt.No.457 of Basavapalli R.F., Chittoor (East) Division in Chittoor District, for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites & Exports, Kadapa, for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.

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3. The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 4.80 ha of identified non forest land in Sy.Nos.687 and 691 at Kannepalli village of Ananthasagaram Mandal of Nellore District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation site, if any.
4. The non forest land for compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as PF/RF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within six months.
5. The user agency shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary outside the lease area as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The State Government shall maintain safety zone and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
6. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency and deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025198-CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No.344902010105 407- Andhra Pradesh CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi – 110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. UBIN0534498).
7. No waste material from mining lease area will be allowed to fall spread in the adjoining forest area. A deep trench of about 2 mt. width with 1.5 to 1.75 mt. depth shall be dug all along the boundary of the applied area with excavated earth kept on the outer side of the trench and where the cutting of deep trench is not possible, a stone wall of 1.5 to 1.75 mt. height with sufficient width be formed to stop spread of any waste materials in the forest area outside the leased area.
8. The entire forest area upto the RF boundary line, surrounding the applied area shall be appropriately fenced and rehabilitated as per the detailed plan prepared by the Forest Department.
9. Suitable species like Neem, etc. shall be planted along both sides of the proposed road over a width of 50 mts to create a tree belt to minimize the pollution effect.
10. No excavation of pits / collection of materials will be allowed for construction of road from the forest land other than the width of the approach road applied with the project.
11. The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.
12. Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of the user agency.
13. The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
14. Reclamation plan shall be implemented by the user agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Bangalore.
15. The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.

16. A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
 17. GPS readings of the corner boundary points and a beat map on 1:10000 scale showing the diverted forest land shall be furnished to Regional Office, Bangalore.
 18. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.80 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
 19. Any other condition that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
 20. Necessary certificates under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Lr No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt) dated.03-08-2009 shall be furnished to Government of India.
 21. The forest land shall be transferred to the user agency only after furnishing the information mentioned in the condition numbers 17 and 20 above to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
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Regional Office (Southern Zone) Kendriya Sadan, IV Floor E & F Wings,
17th Main Road, II Block, Koramangala, BANGALORE-560 034.
M/s. Vishnu Granites & Exports, 20/1064, Cooperative Colony, Kadapa.
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SECTION OFFICER